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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-23 (Cancelled)

24. (Currently Amended) A motor vehicle door with a door body comprising a door outer shell and a door inner shell between which a door shaft is formed in which a window lifter is mounted for lifting and lowering a window pane,

wherein

at least one component which is mounted inside the door shaft produces a transverse connection between one of the window pane and the window lifter and at least one of the door outer shell and the door inner shell at least over a part of ~~[[the]]~~ a width, running in ~~[[the]]~~ a longitudinal direction of the vehicle door, ~~[[of]]~~ the window pane, the window lifter, the door outer shell and the door inner shell.

25. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle door according to claim 24, wherein the at least one component is connected to ~~[[a]]~~ the at least one of the door outer shell and the door inner shell and is supported spring elastically on the one of the window pane and the window lifter.

26. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle door according to claim 25, wherein the at least one component comprises a

component which changes its position with ~~[[the]]~~ movement of the one of the window pane and the window lifter and which with a predetermined position of the one of the window pane and the window lifter connects positively with the at least one of the door outer shell and the door inner shell.

27. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle door according to claim 26, wherein the component bears with pretension against the one of the window pane and the window lifter and during lifting of the one of the window pane and the window lifter swivels out from the door shaft by one of a follower and a support mounted on the one of the window pane and the window lifter into a force-transferring position with a door shell.

28. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle door according to claim 27, wherein the component ~~[[part]]~~ has a length-variable swivel arm and a bridging arm connected to the swivel arm, of which one end of the swivel arm bears through a slide member against the one of the window pane and the window lifter and whose other end, for connecting with ~~[[a]]~~ the at least one of the door outer shell and the door inner shell, with a predetermined position of the one of the window pane and the window lifter, engages in a relieved section of the at least one of the door outer shell and the door inner shell.

29. (New) The motor vehicle door according to claim 28, wherein the swivel arm ~~is formed as~~ comprises a telescopic arm and is attached to ~~[[a]]~~ the at least one of the door outer shell and the door inner shell as well as and is pretensioned

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through a torsion spring against one of the window pane and the window lifter.

30. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle door according to claim 25, wherein the at least one component is supported movable substantially at right angles to the one of the window pane and ~~[[to]]~~ the window lifter and is supported spring elastically against the one of the window pane and the window lifter.

31. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle door according to claim 30, wherein the at least one component in ~~[[the]]~~ a fully raised position of the one of the window pane and the window lifter bears against one of a follower and a support connected to the one of the window pane and the window lifter.

32. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle door according to claim 24, wherein the at least one component is connected to ~~[[a]]~~ one of a windscreen wiper and a wash device.

33. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle door according to claim 24, wherein the at least one component is connected to the one of the window pane and ~~[[to]]~~ the window lifter and with a predeterminable position of the one of the window pane and the window lifter, ~~preferably in the upper end position of one of the window pane and the window lifter~~ produces at least a force locking engagement between the door ~~shells~~ outer shell and the door inner shell.

34. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle door according to claim 33, wherein the at least one component has connecting arms associated with the door ~~shells whose contour~~ outer shell and the door inner shell, the connecting arms having contours that substantially ~~coincides~~ coincide with the ~~contour~~ contours of the door shells in ~~[[the]] engagement region~~ regions of the component with the door shells.

35. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle door according to claim 34, wherein the component extends at least over ~~[[the]] region of [[the]]~~ a door lock and [[the]] parts connected to the door lock ~~such as rod linkage, Bowden cable and the like.~~

36. (Previously Presented) The motor vehicle door according to claim 34, wherein the contour at least of the connecting arm directed to the door outer shell includes a water drainage channel.

37. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle door according to claim 33, wherein the at least one component ~~consists of~~ comprises securing elements connected to ~~[[the]] door inner shell~~ shells and of a connecting element connected to the one of the window pane and the window lifter, which in a predeterminable position of the one of the window pane and the window lifter ~~preferably in the upper end position of one of the window pane and the window lifter~~ is connected at least with force locking connection to the securing elements.

38. (Previously Presented) The motor vehicle door according to claim 37, wherein the securing elements are riveted or welded

to the door shells or are part of an extruded pressed profile of the door shells.

39. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle door according to claim 37, wherein the connecting element is fixed on ~~[[the]]~~ a lower edge of the one of the window pane and ~~on a lower edge of~~ the window lifter.

40. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle door according to claim ~~[[24]]~~ 37, wherein the securing elements are connected to the connecting element through securing bolts.

41. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle door according to claim ~~[[24]]~~ 37, wherein the securing elements are punctured and slit in ~~[[the]]~~ a connection region with the connecting element and ~~[[that]]~~ wherein the connecting element engages in the securing elements by engagement sections aligned with ~~[[the]]~~ holes and slits of the securing elements in the ~~predetermined~~ predeterminable position of the one of the window pane and the window lifter.

42. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle door according to claim 37, wherein the securing elements in ~~[[the]]~~ an engagement region with the connecting element make a force-transferring connection with the connecting element at least in ~~the y-~~ direction a transverse direction (y-axis) of the motor vehicle.

43. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle door according to claim ~~[[24]]~~ 37, wherein the securing elements and the

connecting element produce a positive locking engagement ~~in the manner of~~ through a toothed connection.

44. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle door according to claim ~~[[24]]~~ 37, wherein the connecting element has connecting arms with a box profile running parallel to ~~[[the]]~~ a lower edge of the window pane.

45. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle door according to claim 24, wherein the at least one component part is designed as a force-transferring component and a component covering the door gap.

46. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle door according to claim 24, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ a predeterminable position of the one of the window pane and the window lifter for producing a positive locking and force locking connection between the one of the window pane and the window lifter and ~~the door shells~~ door inner shell and directly between ~~the door shells~~ door inner shell is ~~[[the]]~~ an uppermost position of the one of the window pane and the window lifter in which the window pane closes a door cut out section of the vehicle door.

47. (New) The motor vehicle door of claim 33, wherein the predeterminable position comprises an upper end position of the one of the window pane and the window lifter.

48. (New) The motor vehicle door of claim 35, wherein the parts connected to the door lock comprise a rod linkage and a Bowden cable.

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49. (New) The motor vehicle door of claim 37 wherein the parts connected to the door lock comprise a rod linkage and a Bowden cable.